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News Release

National Library Week Celebrations

All public, school, academic and special libraries across the country will celebrate National Library Week from April 12 – April 18. The theme for the week is “Worlds Connect @ your library” and this year’s spokesperson is the children’s author and actress, Jamie Lee Curtis. More information can be found at the American Library Association’s Web site, <http://www.ala.org>

Libraries across Colorado will sponsor special events and invite legislators and VIPS to visit libraries. The Colorado State Library and the Denver Public Library have collaborated on several events in the Denver area.

Monday, April 13

Location: Denver Public Library (10 W. 14th Ave.) community technology center, Level 4.

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Activity: Job seekers are invited to bring in their resumes for a thorough critique by a library volunteer. (This is an on-going activity every Monday night.)

Tuesday, April 14 - National Library Worker Appreciation Day

Location: All Denver Public Library Locations

Activity: Mayor John Hickenlooper and other elected officials have been asked to stop by any Denver branch location to thank staff for their hard work.

Location: Longmont Public Library, 409 4th Ave.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Activity: Dr. Angelika Schroeder, member of the Colorado State Board of Education, will read to children at the library.

Wednesday, April 15

Location: Barrett Elementary School (2900 Richard Allen Court), Denver

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Activity: Elaine Berman, member of the Colorado State Board of Education, will read to first-grade students in the school library. Students will receive the new "READ" poster featuring Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones.

Location: Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library, 2401 Welton St., Denver

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Activity: In collaboration with Volunteers of America, two celebrity readers, Ervin Johnson (former basketball player with The Denver Nuggets and the Milwaukee Bucks), Rick Crandall, KEZW 1430 radio personality and Bill Porter (Denver Post reporter) will participate in a reading event including DJ Kitty, the library's adorable mascot, to act out all of the readings. Each child will receive a book and the new "READ" poster.

Thursday, April 16

Location: Oxford Hotel, 1600 17th St., Denver

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Activity: The "Evil Companions" Literary Award will be presented. Joyce Meskis, owner of the Tattered Cover Book Store, Dana Crawford, owner of The Oxford Hotel, and Colorado State University Professor of English David Milofsky created the literary award and its accompanying event to promote and build upon Denver's deserved reputation as a center for writing and literature. The Evil Companions Literary Award is presented annually to a poet or writer who embodies the spirit of the West. The award pays homage to a group of Denver writers who met in the 1950s and 1960s to drink and discuss writing. They dubbed themselves the Evil Companions. Mayor John Hickenlooper will attend this event.

Friday, April 17

Location: Montclair Elementary School, 1151 Newport St., Denver

Time: 2:30—3:45 p.m.

Activity: The "Reading Rocket" Bookmobile will visit Montclair Elementary School. The new "READ" poster will be distributed to attendees.

Libraries are playing an important role in helping citizens during the recession. Stop by your library to see the broad array of resources available to you.

For more information, contact Shelley Walchak, 303-866-6891, at the Colorado State Library. To sign up for the CDE e-mail news service, please visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/Communications/index.html>.

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